

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1                    1.     A fishing pole holder for holding in position multiple fishing  
2     poles at selected positions while trolling from a fishing boat, the fishing pole holder  
3     comprising:  
4                    a C-clamp having a main portion extending, when the fishing pole  
5     holder is installed on the boat, over a generally vertical wall of the boat;  
6                    first and second arms on the clamp extending from the main portion  
7     adjacent inboard and outboard sides of the wall, respectively;  
8                    a base plate secured to the second arm adjacent the outboard wall  
9     side;  
10                   a clamping force reaction cushion secured to the base plate;  
11                   a clamping shaft threadably connected to the first arm and extending  
12     generally perpendicular to the force reaction cushion whereby, when the clamping  
13     shaft is adjusted to a clamping position, the fishing pole holder is held securely to  
14     the wall side;  
15                   a threaded support shaft secured to the main clamp portion and  
16     extending from opposite sides of the main clamp portion in a direction generally  
17     parallel to the boat wall;  
18                   a first fishing pole holder element secured to the support shaft on one  
19     side of the camp and a second fishing pole holder element secured to the support  
20     shaft on the opposite side of the clamp;  
21                   means for adjusting the angular position of the first fishing pole  
22     holder element about a first axis that intersects a support shaft axis;  
23                   means for adjusting the angular position of the second fishing pole  
24     holder element about a second axis that intersects the support shaft axis;  
25                   means for adjusting the first fishing pole holder element about the  
26     axis of the support shaft; and  
27                   means for adjusting the second fishing pole holder element about the  
28     axis of the support shaft.

1                    2.     The fishing pole holder set forth in claim 1 wherein the first  
2     and second fishing pole holder elements are each generally cylindrical, each fishing

3 shaft holder element being adapted to encircle and retain a grip end of a fishing  
4 pole.

1                   3.       The fishing pole holder set forth in claim 2 wherein the means  
2 for adjusting the angular position of the fishing pole holder elements about the first  
3 and second axes comprise pedestals secured to the respective fishing pole holder  
4 elements;  
5                   strap clamps surrounding each pedestal;  
6                   each strap clamp having a closed end secured to the support shaft and  
7 an open end; and  
8                   a clamping bolt extending through the open end of each strap clamp  
9 and a clamping nut adjustably attached to each clamping bolt whereby each fishing  
10 pole holder element is secured in a selected fixed position relative to the boat wall  
11 independently of a selected fixed position of the other fishing pole holder element.

1                   4.       The fishing pole holder set forth in claim 3 wherein each of  
2 the means for adjusting the fishing pole holder elements about the support shaft axis  
3 comprises a clamping nut threaded on the support shaft and engaging one of the  
4 strap clamps whereby each fishing pole holder element is held in a selected fixed  
5 position relative to the support shaft axis.

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